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STATE ROUTE 2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Wrightwood – Caltrans approved the Final Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment document for the State Route 2 (SR-2) Safety Improvement Project on June 30, 2008.

The project was initiated to reduce the high incident of accidents on SR-2 through the small mountain community of Wrightwood and will also enhance the overall safety and operational efficiency of the route. Four project alternatives were studied. Alternative Four was determined to have the least impacts while still addressing safety concerns. The selected alternative is estimated to cost \$1.7 million. The project limits are from west of Rivera Drive to east of Sheep Creek Drive.

The improvements include four left-turn pockets located at Spruce Street, Willow Street, Lone Pine Canyon Road and Sheep Creek Drive. A crosswalk and stop sign will be added at Willow Street for pedestrian access to the US Post Office. A right-turn lane will be installed on eastbound SR-2 at Lone Pine Canyon Road. Drainage improvements will be made throughout. Shoulders will be widened to four feet where necessary.

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2010. Caltrans plans to set up meetings later this year with residents, business owners, and emergency responders to help lessen construction impacts and insure the safety of the community during the work.

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